AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

28. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

    Receiving an input request at an information management system (IMS) connect program from a user computer, wherein the user computer is associated with a client that provides software to access the IMS connect program independent of a web server;

    Transmitting the input request to a queue header of the IMS connect program, when the input request is an extensible markup language (XML) input request;

    Retrieving an input request control block from the queue header;

    Invoking a specified data transformer to parse and translate the input request to create an input request byte array;

    Transmitting the input request byte array to an IMS application program;

    Receiving an output response byte array from the IMS application program;

    Transmitting the output response byte array to the queue header;

    Retrieving an output response control block from the queue header;

    Invoking the data transformer to parse and translate the output response byte array to create an XML output response; and

    Transmitting the XML output response to the user computer via a communication path that is independent of the web server.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising, generating an XML fault message when the translation of the input request or translation of the output response has not been successful.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising, determining when the input request includes XML data.

Claims 31 – 48. (Canceled).